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PRODUCTS SUCH AS SPINAL DISC IMPLANTS HAVING
GRADUAL MODULUS VARIATION
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.